

Safety Committee
May 11, 2009
5:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order: Mrs. Mershon called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting today was Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender and Mrs. Turner. Also in attendance were Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples (Public Works), Carrie Hoover (Public Affairs) and Chris Strayer (Development Director)

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Turner moved to accept the minutes of the April 13th, 2009 meeting; seconded by Dr. Bender.

VOTES **AYES** Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner
 NAYS
 Motion carried

Pended Items:

06-03 Skate Park Update

Mr. Peoples stated that Bird & Bull is doing a survey of the area in front of Hanners Park to see if it will actually fit in that area along with the bike path. The bike path looks to be a little farther north than anticipated and therefore, the skate park may be moved farther west along Groveport Rd. More information will come as it is available.

New Items for Discussion:

09-07 Community Center Usage Agreement and Rates Update

Ms. Hoover stated that they researched the rates of the community centers in surrounding communities and presented that information to the committee. It was discussed that the organizations that are able to use the facility for free should have to sign a courtesy agreement stating that they will take care of the facility and make the office aware if they are not going to need the center at a time they had previously requested so that the center may be rented out to other groups. Rate increases were also presented. They would go from \$30/ hour for the big room to \$40/hour for residents and \$60/hour to a non-resident. 50% discount will be given to non-profit groups. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Bender will sponsor the legislation and moved to take this to full Council; seconded by Mrs. Turner.

VOTES **AYES** Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner
 NAYS
 Motion carried

09-08 2010 Budget

- **Natureworks Grant Application for Walnut Creek Park**
- **Tennis Courts**
- **Pfeifer Park Concept Plan**
- **Westchester Park**

Mr. Peoples presented these options to the Committee. The first priority would be finishing the Westchester Park. The tennis courts are shown in the Walnut Creek Park concept plan and will be a possibility in 2011. Mr. People asked for some thoughts after the last Parks Advisory Committee meeting.

Mrs. Mershon stated that in talking to several residents, she was told that they believe the Village doesn't need 6 tennis courts. They would like to have the tennis courts included in the pocket parks around the village.

Mayor Ebert stated that if they are being built for the school, they have to at least have 5 and must have 6 for tournament play. Mayor Ebert stated that if the 5 courts are spread out around the Village, then some of the costs are raised. There will have to be 5 different site surveys, 5 fences built around the courts, etc. The cost would be almost twice as much to build 5 separate courts as it would be to build 5 in one location.

Dr. Bender stated that the people wanting tennis courts have been patient and have seen that the skate park has been given a fast track. He would hope that they can get the courts soon. Discussion ensued regarding building 5 courts versus restoring the courts at the school and the logistics of both.

Pfeifer Park - It was discussed whether the area would be used if it was enhanced with plants, playset, etc. It is such a compact area with limited access that it wouldn't make sense for shelter houses. Mr. Peoples doesn't see this fitting into 2010, but maybe the concept plan could be done in 2010 and the construction in 2011.

Fairfield County Sheriff's Report: None at this time.

Community Affairs Report: Nothing additional.

Old/New Business:

The stone sign was put up on the James Kelley III Preserve and landscaping will be added. There will also be a stone that will have a metal engraving of a poem that was read at his funeral. His mother is donating the plaque and it will sit along a trail that will be developed within the preserve.

Adjournment

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Turner.

VOTES AYES Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner
NAYS
Motion carried Time out- 5:46pm